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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005, setting a one-month period for reply, and requiring restriction to a single Group of claims, Applicants hereby elect Group I, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a two-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., up to and including August 3, 2005 is requested. Enclosed is a check that includes \$225.00 in payment of the fee therefore by a **small entity**. It is believed that no additional fee is required for submission of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.